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Penkovsky Widow Denies Authorship

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Moscow, Nov. 23 th-Mrs. Oleg Penkovsky, widow of a Russian colonel shot in 1963 for spying for the West, is reported to have denied that, her husband wrote the controversial "Penkovsky Papers."

The book, published in Britain and America, purports to give a rundown on the Soviet spy network by Penkovsky. The Soviet press has charged that the papers are a forgery and the work of the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

The name is spelled Penkovsky in Russia but Penkovskiy in the book title.

Victor Louis, a Russian who writes for the London Evening News, said he had spoken with Mrs. Penkovsky in her Moscow apartment.

He said she told him her late husband could not have written the papers in the cramped conditions of their apartment without her noticing. She was quoted as saying her husband typed slowly with one finger and that he was generally lazy about writing.